Allotment and expenditure on Town Planning.

180 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount allotted to be spent for 1111 M. E. towards the Town-Planning Work in Trivandrum Town;

(*b*) of the allotted amount, how much money has already been spent up to 15-8-1111;

(*c*) the approximate amount required for the whole work;

(*d*) whether it is under any specially prepared plan that the work is being carried out;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the proposed plan;

(*f*) who has prepared or drawn up the plan or scheme of the work:

(*g*) whether anybody has prepared any special report for the purpose and the nature of the proposals in the report; and

(*h*) if the answer to part (*g*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of the report would be placed on the table?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Rs. 1,35,450. This does not include the provision of Rs. 5 lakhs for the Tampanur Valley and Rs. 50,000, for the area on either side of the Avenue road under "Advances repayable".

(*b*) Rs. 10,933.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 30 lakhs will be required for works proposed to be taken up at present.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Papers showing the nature of the proposed plan will be placed before the member for his perusal if he meets the Assistant Secretary in charge of the P. W. Section on any working day in the Public Offices.

(*f*) The Chief Engineer.

(*g*) Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel and the Chief Engineer.

(*h*) The member is referred to the answer to the part (*e*). The papers cannot be placed on the table.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How many miles or furlongs have been completed with regard to the widening and extension of roads under the town-planning scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether, according to the town-planning system, any road has been taken up in the Trivandrum town or not?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The avenue road is in the Trivandrum town. And the Mascot Hostel-Vellayampalam road has also been completed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the distance from Mascot Hotel to Vellayampalam?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the distance of the Avenue Road from Vellayampalam to Kaudiar ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many times the road was completed and again unearthed and reconstructed and again the work completed, undone and completed ?

PRESIDENT: Half a dozen times more, please !

MR. S. J. NAIR (*N dumangad*): May I know from the Government with regard to the construction of the Avenue Road, how many times the road was completed and undone ?

PRESIDENT: And re-done.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes, Sir. How many times the road was re-done, re-done and re-done? (*Laughter.*)

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Building and Irrigation*): The Avenue Road was never re-done, re-done and re-done. (*Laughter.*)

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether the road from Vellayampalam Palace to Mascot Hotel was completed at any time ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): There was a road from Vellayampalam to Mascot Hotel.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): According to the town planning system, may I know whether the road was completed at any time ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the tarring and metalling work was over with regard to that road at any time ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): A portion of it

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that portion has been completely metalled and tarred ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether a portion of the Vellayampalam-Mascot Hotel road has been completely metalled and tarred ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Just a portion of it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how many feet, or yards or furlongs ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have not measured.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I want to submit one word. It is a known fact to all, Sir, and it could be seen at this moment, for the road is only one or two furlongs away from this House, that road even today remains incomplete. Not an inch of it has been tarred. It was metalled and tarred twice or thrice and again unearthed and I

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[Mr. S. J Nair.]

have seen it with my own eyes because on almost all the days I come across that road. The road remains incomplete even today. I do not know who is responsible for the waste that has been committed.

PRESIDENT: The President will suggest to the Dewan to drive along the road this evening.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know by whom the 30 lakhs of rupees required would be spent ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It would be allotted by Government.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether that amount will cover the whole town-planning within the municipal area.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not know. As a matter of fact, there has been no complete plan yet prepared.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know the nature of the works that are proposed to be taken up at present ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot give you a complete idea. The Thampanoor valley and the Beach area are now under the scheme. If you look into the papers showing the nature of the proposed plan, the suggestions are made there to carry out the proposals.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know what portion of the town will be covered by the works for which Rs. 30 lakhs is required ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I really cannot say. But if you will took to the answer to part (*e*), you will get the necessary information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. Can an honourable member of this House address another honourable member as 'you' ? The Chief Engineer has been addressing Mr. Thanu Pillai as 'you', 'you'. Is it in order ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether it is proposed to bring the whole town under town-planning ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the approximate amount that will be required for the purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot give you that. Because although it has been decided that the whole of the town should be brought under town-planning, it is only a portion that would be treated at first.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I wish to know whether the Government have any idea at least approximately of the amount that will be required to complete the town-planning scheme in respect of the whole town.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot give that because a complete town-planning scheme has not been prepared.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Then may I know whether it is the idea that, after this Rs. 30 lakhs are spent, other parts of the town should be taken?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I believe it has not been decided at present. Portions of the town will be taken up at present, as far as I am aware. The Beach area and Thampanoor valley are to be taken up first.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Are the Government aware that any satisfactory scheme of town-planning should cover the whole town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Government do realise that.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether what is called this town-planning and the other two items given there *viz.*, the Thampanoor valley and the Avenue Road together form an integral part of one complete scheme or whether they are detached works?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No. The Thampanoor valley scheme connects up with the Avenue Road near the Museum.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Has any estimate been prepared for the Beach road section?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know what works are to be taken up at present?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildngs and Irrigation*): It has not yet been decided.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the papers referred to in the answer to part (*e*) will be placed before the particular member who has put the question or before any member of the House?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Any member of the House.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to answer to part (*g*), may I know whether any remuneration has been given to Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel for the report?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the amount?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot give you the exact amount. He has been paid for the work he did.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether the amount is above Rs. 2,000?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I really cannot say that.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether that man has been assessed to income tax?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes; I think he pays income-tax on the amount that is paid to him.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it is under an agreement that he offered his services?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): He comes here, by request of Government.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether it is under any agreement or not?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not know.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the Vanchiyoor valley or *ela* is within the scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Not that I am aware of.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether it was not proposed last year that that would also be taken up?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have not seen any plan regarding that at the present time.

Trivandrum Town-Planning.

181 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Trivandrum Town-Planning Work was started or begun;

(*b*) when it would be over;

(*c*) whether it is for beautifying the town alone, or improving the means of communication, sanitation, public health and extending the habitable area of the town that the scheme is proposed and worked out; and

(*d*) what would be the approximate amount required to carry out the whole scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) In Kanni 1109.

(*b*) This cannot be definitely stated now.

(*c*) For all the purposes stated by the member.

(*d*) Probably Rs. 30 lakhs.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know what is the idea of Government as to the way in which the roads are to be completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The surface of the road is to be treated with tar.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government could see that the surface of the road if treated with silver would be better than if treated with tar?

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